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Column One
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THE four Foreign Ministers are planning to disperse before the end of the week. It is too soon to draw up the account of their endeavours, the main item of which, according to certain whispers said to have been heard in Whitehall, may come in the next few days. The metaphysical assumption that international disputes cannot, nowadays, be resolved logically may, of course, be right. But there is always the chance that events, present or threatened, may force their own logic even on the evangelising artificers of a new world pattern. In any event, if the Berlin Conference breaks up without so much as a hint of some working agreement about Germany there may be trouble for everyone. Observers who can be expected to know what they are talking about say that all four Foreign Ministers are aware of this and are concerned about it.

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IT is generally agreed that failure at Berlin will give impetus to resurgent Nazi-ism in West Germany and possibly in the Russian zone as well; that it will raise East German discontent to a new pitch, with the likelihood of serious rioting in which West Germans may attempt to take part; and that it will bring into West Germany fresh waves of refugees. A meeting of western security officers, attended by American, British and French representatives was held in Western Berlin a week ago to consider the evidence of unrest on both sides of the demarcation line and the precautionary measures that should be taken.

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THE reports of tension in the Soviet Zone, which come to the outside world via Berlin may not be objective. But the smoke is dense enough to suggest that fires are smouldering and are ready to blaze. The fanning winds of propaganda from anti-Communist organizations on the western side are blowing up and, according to some messages, are scattering among East German industrial workers pamphlets and leaflets which set out to prove that Mr. Molotov has obstinately rejected all reasonable proposals for unification. From all accounts, the unification tables have been turned, at least in the leaflets smuggled through to the East Zone, until German unification and a peace treaty have been made to look like a western initiative which is about to fail because of Soviet intransigence.

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THE known facts of the Berlin conference together with the subversive material now circulating among the East Germans has led to what one reputable correspondent calls "a tense situation" in the Soviet Zone, and to the setting up of an "elaborate system of ruthless preventive measures against riots, strikes and demonstrations," with armed guards on State factories doubled and a new "anti-riots" militia, formed of trusted party members, on duty in every industrial centre. The information on which these reports are based come mainly from western "agents" and anyone who has ever had anything to do with "agents" will know how they tend to exaggerate. The fact remains that East Germany, for whatever reason, has been on the verge of fresh turmoil ever since last year's outbreaks in East Berlin and the industrial centres, and that the collapse of the Berlin talks on Germany would probably release a despairing clamour from end to end of the zone. There is, however, a marked difference between conditions today and those of the uprising of June 17: security measures are more numerous and more efficient.

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THE western Governments, whilst not anxious to make things easy for the Soviet are at the same time concerned to avoid a situation that might lead to trouble in the Federal Republic. In West Germany there are organizations, open and underground, which are only too ready to exploit East German unrest, not in the interests of the Germanic cuckoo squawking democracy from Rhenish woodlands, but in those of the Hitlerian phoenix. Even in high places at Bonn there are men who hope to use the East-West deadlock on Germany as a means of re-establishing a power that was thought to have been crushed in a Berlin bunker. A good judge of present-day German trends has just written: "We shall be making a grave error if we remain blind to the increasing penetrations of the German political machine by men of the old Nazi administration and do not recognize for what it is the rebirth among Germans of ambitions we had thought abandoned."

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ONE way and another a Berlin breakdown would seem to threaten dire consequences; so that even at this stage one dare not give up hope. The Whitehall whispers may not, after all, be merely the chill sighing of a wind that marks the freak onset of cold war.

Jerusalem, February 15.

Austrian Treaty Deadlocked By Troops Issue

BERLIN, Sunday. — The Big Four Foreign Ministers came within a hair's breadth of agreement on an Austrian peace treaty today, but renewed Soviet demands to keep troops in that country deadlocked them again.

The West, in a new concerted move to reach agreement on the long bogged-down pact, announced its acceptance of the Soviet version of all five disputed Articles and the Soviet amendment to Article 35 authorizing payment by Austria in goods instead of dollars for German assets.

The West then put forward a straight demand to the Russians that they sign the treaty here in Berlin next Thursday.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, while agreeing "in principle," insisted, firstly, on a new clause providing that occupation troops should remain in the country until a German peace treaty had been concluded and, secondly, proposed to divorce the Trieste question from the Austrian state treaty and bring it up by Big Four request before the U.N. Security Council.

Supersedes Old Proposal

His new proposal on Trieste superseded a proposal he had made on Friday, when the Austrian discussions began, that the Foreign Ministers' deputies should deal with the Soviet demand that Trieste should not be used as a military base.

Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Foreign Minister who attended the debate on Austria, rejected the Soviet proposal that occupation troops should remain in the country. He said that he was not authorized by his Government to go beyond accepting the present draft treaty.

Mr. Molotov, who was in the chair at today's session, also announced that preliminary agreement had been reached to end the Berlin conference on Thursday next, according to an American spokesman.

It had further been agreed that tomorrow's and Wednesday's sessions would be held in the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin, and those on Tuesday and Thursday in the former Allied Control Authority building in West Berlin.

U.S. Secretary of State Dulles intervened in today's discussion with a proposal that the Austrian state treaty should be signed on Thursday. He was supported by Mr. Anthony Eden of Britain and M. Georges Bidault of France.

Binding Provisions

Mr. Molotov proposed further provisions in the treaty binding Austria not to ally herself with any state which had fought against Nazi Germany, and not to allow foreign military bases or instructors on her territory.

Mr. Molotov's proposal for the retention of occupation troops conceded that they should be withdrawn from Vienna within 90 days of the coming into force of a treaty and laid down that occupation troops remaining elsewhere "shall not perform the functions of occupation nor interfere in the Austrian administration nor in the social or political life of the country."

The legal status of the remaining troops would be determined by a special agreement between the Big Four and the Austrian Government.

U.S. Secretary of State Dulles said that the Soviet proposals would mean indefinite subjugation of Austria. "It would be to make a mockery of all our promises," he added. He urged Mr. Molotov to drop his proposals, "which were never heard of before we came here a few days ago."

4 Unconnected Conditions

British Foreign Secretary Eden said that Mr. Molotov was demanding four conditions entirely unconnected with Austria for his agreement to the state treaty. They were that the Trieste problem must be solved; Germany must be reunified and a peace treaty concluded; the European Army plan must be abandoned, and that the Atlantic pact must be "broken up."

A British spokesman stated after today's session that there was "ironic laughter" in the three Western delegations when Mr. Molotov said that the West's acceptance of the Soviet text of the disputed Articles "now showed what has been holding up the Austrian treaty for five years."

Summing up the sessions, the British spokesman added that "no progress was made today, since Mr. Molotov in no way modified the substance of his proposals to modifications of the Austrian treaty which he had put forward on Friday."

(UP, Reuter)

Lebanon May Mediate Syian-Iraqi Quarrel

The possibility of a meeting in the near future between the heads of the Lebanon, Syria and Iraq, in an effort to achieve a reconciliation between Damascus and Baghdad, was mentioned by observers in the Lebanese capital yesterday following a two-hour session between Iraqi Premier Fadel Jamali and Lebanese President Camille Chamoun, NEARS reports.

Jamali told correspondents that he sees no reason to object to a meeting, even with President Shishakly and in Damascus, in order to ease the present tension between his country and its western neighbour.

Meanwhile in Damascus, an official communique issued yesterday announced that the search for arms in the Suweideh province of the Jebel Druze is almost completed.

Retail Price Index Up Two Points

The retail price index rose by two points in January, the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research has announced. The index stood at 214, compared with 100 in September 1951.

The main rise in prices occured in imported butter, biscuits, sweets and Aalva, which were decontrolled in the middle of January. Prices of potatoes and standard meals in restaurants and the wages of domestic help also rose.

The cost of yellow cheese fell

Laos Capital Will Not Fall, Pleven States

LUANG PRABANG, Sunday. (Reuter). — French Defence Minister Rene Pleven today inspected the defences of this threatened royal capital of Laos, and declared, "We shall hold Luang Prabang — there is no question of that."

His tour came within 24 hours of the first burst of fire at the advancing Vietminh insurgents by the Luang Prabang artillery. The guns fired on troops in hill country east of the capital. They are thought to have been irregulars, although they could be the advance guard of the Vietminh 316th Division bearing down on Luang Prabang.

At the same time, French Union patrols reported making contact with an elusive Vietminh battalion which has been making scattered appearances near the city since driving up the Mekong River.

The French here now consider that they have brought in enough reinforcements to hold off any Vietminh attack. They may even be able to go over to the offensive soon in this sector, as the insurgent drive is showing signs of "bogging down" short of the capital.

On-the-Spot Decisions

M. Pleven said today after his tour that he had come to Indo-China with extraordinary powers from the French Government to make on-the-spot decisions wherever necessary. However, he denied reports that his purpose was to authorize the evacuation of certain positions to the advancing forces.

Here is the situation tonight in other centres of fighting in Indo-China:

Muongeri — the French dropped a battalion of paratroopers into this strong point 100 kms. north of Luang Prabang during the week-end. This put fresh French forces on the soft flank of the main body of the Vietminh's 308th "Iron" Division, whose advance guard last reported to be 40 kms. from Luang Prabang.

Makahay — French Union forces reoccupied this town, which lies 40 kms. east of Thakhek, in central Laos, during the week-end.

Only Date Agreed For Korea Talks

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — Russia has countered the Western proposal for a Korean conference in Geneva by insisting that the conference should at first be confined to the big five, including People's China, authoritative conference sources said today.

The Western proposal was that all nations concerned in the Korean war should meet in Geneva on April 15. Russia has agreed to this date.

Part Reparations By Austria Acceptable

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter) — A vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Mr. Barnett Janner, a Labour Member of Parliament, said at the monthly meeting of the Board in London today that the total value of Jewish property in Austria before the Nazi seizure of power was estimated at more than $1,000m. Little of this had been restored.

Mr. Janner was commenting on the offer of the Federal Chancellor of Austria to make appropriate restitution for assets to which there were no legal heirs, though they could not agree to giant sums which did not correspond to their real value.

He said that the Jewish organizations were prepared to accept a settlement of heirless property claims representing only a fraction of the real assets which were left behind by the one-third of the Austrian Jewish population which perished at Nazi hands.

Outlining the history of the claims, Mr. Janner said that on November 13 last, after six months of negotiations, the Austrian Government had declared that the issue of heirless property must be postponed indefinitely until six months after Austria signs a peace treaty.

The Committee of Jewish claims on Austria recently charged that in refusing to negotiate heirless property claims, the Chancellor of Austria and his Ministers have reneged on a promise made repeatedly to the Jewish negotiators between June and September of last year.

RESENTS PRESSURE

VIENNA, Sunday (INA). — Chancellor Julius Raab told a People's Party meeting that Austria is ready to re-open negotiations with the Jews on heirless property, but he wants a reasonable settlement and resents the pressure exerted on the Berlin Conference.

All-Day Talks Weaken Bus Strike Threat

Ministry of Communications officials intimated last night after a full day of negotiations with representatives of the bus cooperatives in Jerusalem, that the danger of a six-hour strike scheduled for tomorrow had been lessened.

Two meetings of heads of the bus firms with Mr. Haim Razily, Director General of the Ministry, were held yesterday, with a meeting with the Minister, Mr. Joseph Saphir, scheduled for today.

Although a spokesman for the cooperatives would not admit to any intended compromise, the negotiations actually reached the stage of applying the general 16% rise to specific lines.

Ministry officials stress that they will not bow to strike threats.

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Ali Predicts Statement On U.S. Military Aid

DACCA, Sunday (Reuter).—Pakistan Prime Minister Mohammed Ali told reporters here last night that an announcement about U.S. military aid to Pakistan might be made before the first week of March.

He left Dacca for Karachi last night after eight days in East Bengal.

Arab States Studying Own Jordan Project

AMMAN, Sunday. — An Arab League technical committee left here today for north Jordan to investigate the practical possibilities of a plan for exclusively Arab exploitation of the River Jordan.

The committee, which has been examining the Jordan Valley development project of Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy in the Middle East, arrived in Amman yesterday.

One reason for the present investigation is to enable the Arab countries to give to the U.N. reasons, based on technical studies, for their refusal to cooperate with Mr. Johnston's scheme, which was to be carried out jointly by Israel, Jordan, the Lebanon and Syria.

Johnston's Plan

Mr. Johnston evolved a $121m. Jordan Valley development scheme calling for the irrigation of 230,000 acres and the construction of two power dams.

He spent some time canvassing the scheme in the Middle East last October and he is expected to visit Arab capitals in the near future to receive a reply to his plans.

The attempt to bring together Israel, Jordan, Syria, and the Lebanon for common realization of the Jordan water plan prepared under the supervision of the Tennessee Valley Authority is described by Mr. Johnston in the main feature article in today's "This Week," one of the leading American weekend magazines, also distributed with the Sunday "New York Herald Tribune."

Mr. Johnston regards as the outstanding success of his trip to the Middle East the declared willingness of all four Governments to "take the idea under advisement, weigh its advantages and disadvantages, consider its benefits to them, and be prepared to talk about it further at a later time."

(Reuter, INA)

Entire Family Held In Diamond Case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The whole family of Ruth Hacohen, who was arrested in New York last Thursday for the attempted smuggling of over $100,000 in diamonds, were under detention and investigation by the police here today.

The Economic Police investigators, headed by Officer M. Goldman and directly supervised by Commander S. Zohar, are maintaining contact with the American police, with Deputy Police-General Y. Keren, of the Israel police, who is now in New York, cooperating.

But the police cannot as yet answer the basic question whether the smuggled diamonds originated in London or in Israel.

Those detained today for investigation were Shmuel Hacohen, a Jewish Agency employee and the husband of Ruth Hacohen; Avraham Cohen, Ruth's brother, a worker in a diamond factory here.

Ruth Hacohen used the passport of her twin-sister Esther, the wife of an El Al employee, Hananya Katz, to travel to New York via London.

Esther Katz, who is staying in her sister's apartment here under surveillance, was questioned there by senior police officers. She cannot leave home as she is in bed in the final stages of pregnancy.

The twins' father, Rabbi Yehiel Fishel Cohen, a member of the Religious Council here, was remanded in custody today for seven days, and Hananya Katz, who procured the free flight ticket for his sister-in-law, who posed as his wife, was

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Special Cabinet Session Faces Budget Deadline

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet is to hold an extraordinary session today in a last minute effort to make final the draft estimates of the 1954-55 Ordinary Budget for tabling in the Knesset this week as promised.

A special meeting of the Economic Ministers' Committee was held yesterday in place of a second Cabinet session. After making cuts of 4% and discussing other reductions, the tendency in the Committee is to return to the *status quo* of last year's budget, informed sources in Jerusalem suggested last night.

However, since the new exchange rate of IL1 per dollar plus 80% premium, a reserve for a rise in the cost-of-living index and the inclusion of the subsidization allowance are all bases for the new budget, its planners are hard put to effect a drastic lowering of expenditure.

Last year's Ordinary Budget was over IL.216m. Close to IL.30m. will be added for reserve against c-o-l rises. The IL.60m. subsidy budget and a large allowance for debt retirement must also be allowed for, it is pointed out.

Opinion on the last point is divided, some Ministers proposing that the debt retirement fund be included in the Development Budget, it was learned.

'Lavon'-Type Committee

A "Lavon-type" committee is predicted by well-informed sources in order to cut staff and introduce savings and greater efficiency.

Today's Cabinet session will be the third working day that the Cabinet or its Economic Committee will have devoted to the Budget. Planners, including both senior officials and Ministers, find it difficult to keep up with the day-to-day changes in the estimates.

The failure of the Treasury's "subsidy rebate" plan is thoroughly criticized by circles in and close to this Ministry. The feeling is that the plan, which in effect would have stopped Government subsidization to those with an income which made support unnecessary, was a sacrifice in order to maintain a united coalition front.

Although budget estimates were foremost on the Cabinet's agenda yesterday, a number of other pressing problems also were dealt with.

The draft amendment to the Criminal Punishment laws (the abolition of the death penalty for murder), were considered. The Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, is expected to make an important statement on this matter on Tuesday, the Government spokesman said last night.

This amendment is ready for its Second Reading in the Knesset and there is no collective Cabinet responsibility on this "matter of conscience," it was said.

Religious Council

The draft bill for Religious Councils was touched upon, insofar as it is related to the Law for Religious Services' Budgets, the spokesman stated This Law expires at the end of March, and it must either be extended or a new Bill must be proposed. But the major discussion will take place in the Ministerial Committee on Interior Affairs and Services, to which the matter was referred.

The official communique said:

The Cabinet discussed the 1954-55 budget at its weekly meeting yesterday.

The Cabinet also discussed the amendment to the Punishment Law, (Abolition of Capital Punishment for Murder) now awaiting its second reading in the Knesset, the bills on the establishment of Religious Councils, and of a Medical Council, and providing for pensions for heads of local authorities.

The Cabinet appointed a committee to review the methods of appointment of civil servants in the senior administrative grades and the permanency of their status. The Committee is to propose limitation on senior civil servants' connections with financial or commercial enterprises.

Chances Slight For Strong UN Action on Suez

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Security Council's 10-day adjournment of Israel's complaint on the Egyptian Suez and Eilat blockade has not enhanced Israel's prospects, it is now believed.

It appears from a canvas of opinion in informed sources that the Powers are not inclined at this moment to get tough with Egypt. If anything, the insistence by Israel on a resolution with teeth in it at this moment may prove to be something of an embarrassment.

It is forecast that if the Security Council adopts a purely admonitory resolution in roughly the same terms as that of 1951, this will be the maximum that Israel can hope for from tonight's resumed meeting of the Security Council.

UN Expected to Call For Article 12 Talks Next Week

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (INA). — Mr. Dag Hammarskjoeld, the U.N. Secretary General, next week is due to call for Israel-Jordan talks under Article 12 of the Armistice Agreement.

This follows his meeting last Friday with Ambassador Abba Eban, at which Mr. Eban is understood to have refused to withdraw the request for face-to-face talks with Jordan, and the Secretary General is therefore obliged to call the conference.

Dr. Mahmoud Azmi, Egyptian newspaper publisher who will represent his country when the U.N. Security Council resumes debate tomorrow on the Israel complaint against Egypt, arrived in New York today.

Jordan Cabinet Meets on Hammarskjoeld's Reply

The Jordan Cabinet is to meet in special session today to discuss the U.N. Secretary-General's response to Jordan's second reply on the request that it meet with Israel under Article 12 of the Armistice Agreement, NEABS reports.

The Cabinet is also to hear a secret report by Premier Fawzi Mulki on the visit of Iraqi Premier Fadel Jamali to Amman last week.

Following a meeting with General Nagib, the Jordan Ambassador to Cairo, Auni Abdul Hadi, a Palestine Arab, told reporters that he was horrified by the headline reports in yesterday's Cairo papers. According to the reports, the Jordan Cabinet had resigned, Britain had asked for military bases in Arab Palestine, and King Hussein was ready to make a treaty with Saudi Arabia.

Abdul Hadi described these reports as completely unfounded and as causing great damage to the Arab cause.

Import-Export Gap Narrows

Goods worth IL.5, are imported now for every IL.1 worth of goods exported, according to temporary figures of the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research released at a Press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. In 1952, imports cost IL.7 for every IL.1 worth exported.

In 1953, exports were 20.8% of the cost of imports (IL.21.8m. exports to IL.102.5m. imports at the IL.1=$2.80 rate), while in 1952, exports were only 14.6% of the cost of imports.

Imports fell from IL.110.6m. in 1952 to IL.102.5m. in 1953 (at the $2.80 rate), a cut of IL.8.1m.

At an earlier Press conference, Professor R. Bachi, Director of the Bureau, appealed to members of the public to cooperate with the Bureau when asked to supply information.

Any facts garnered from the public are used solely for compiling statistical information of a general nature, he stressed. The Bureau and its employees are bound to strict secrecy, and not even other Government departments have access to its files.

Professor Bachi reviewed the difficulties in obtaining the necessary skilled personnel for the Bureau's operations, after the problem of housing and equipment had been satisfactorily solved at its present location in Hakirya.

Mr. Gertz, Bureau Deputy Director in charge of organization, Mr. D. Dinur, Director of its Economic Department, Dr. Y.A. Coltov, Director of the Foreign and Domestic Trade Section, Mr. Morris Ullman, Statistical Director of the Economic Advisory Staff, and Mr. Herbert Smith, his Associate, were present at the conference.

Foreign Trade During 1953

	Imports Exports* (in thousands of IL.)**	
Food, drinks, tobacco	58,569	15,033
Raw materials, unprocessed goods	36,197	661
Processed goods	139,943	35,341
Livestock	863	—
Miscellaneous	611	66
	250,850	50,000

* including re-exports.
** according to new exchange rates — for imports as of March 1, 1953 and for exports as of July 1, 1952.
NOTE: As of January 1, 1957 imports are registered as of freeing from customs house. Figures are temporary.

RUBBER IMPORTS HIT LOCAL WORKS

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The import of rubber products in "substantial proportions" has hit hard the 40 local factories employing 1,600 workers which are capable of supplying all local demands, the Manufacturers' Association complained here today.

The Association claimed that the import of rubber heels for shoes alone reached 605,672 pairs last year, at a value of $487,000.

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Social & Personal

Among the passengers on the Cunard liner "Britannic," which will spend two days in Haifa from tomorrow as part of its current cruise, are Judge and Mrs. Joseph Proskauer. The Judge is a former President of the American Jewish Committee and visited Israel in March 1951. Judge and Mrs. Proskauer are on a golden wedding cruise.

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The Commercial Attache of the Soviet Legation, Mr. Poposs, and Legation Secretary Mr. Zubkoss visited Haifa Port yesterday accompanied by Mr. Z. Aryeman, economic adviser of the Foreign Ministry.

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Dr. V. Pavlekovitz, formerly a member of the Foreign Journalists' Association in the Hague, will speak on "Baruch Spinoza" at Beit Hahalutzot, Rehavia, Jerusalem at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

60 J'lem Pupils Go Hungry

Of the 180 children at the Luria School in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem, 60 are unable to participate in the school meal programme as their parents cannot afford it, Mrs. Michael Simon told a meeting in the Jewish Agency Hostel at the Rassco housing project on Thursday. At the meeting the Friends of the Luria School was organised.

Mrs. Simon said that of the 60, there were a number of children whose parents were serious social cases, and the health of these children would be gravely impaired by malnutrition if means could not be found to feed them.

It was essential that conditions be created at the Luria School, Mr. Arthur S. Super stated, which would make it possible for every neighbourhood citizen to send his children there. He understood that, with the completion of a new *shikun* now in its final stages, some of the leading officials in the Foreign Ministry would come to dwell in the neighbourhood.

The standard of education at Luria was equal to that of any elementary school in Jerusalem, but the social atmosphere had to be corrected by eliminating the spectacle of some children eating in the school restaurant while hungry children look on. Admittedly, it was a problem which ought to be dealt with by the Government, but the present draft budget did not seem to offer any prospect of a greater allocation of funds either for education or social services.

Mrs. Arie Levavi, chairman of the effort, told a *Jerusalem Post* reporter that among the founder members of the Friends of Luria School were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lourie, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Simon, Mr. Z. Avnon, Mr. S. Ben Tzur, Dr. G. Halpern, Mrs. Z. Freedman, Mrs. M. Wangenheim and Mr. P. Lapid.

A musical and cultural programme was presented by Mr. Lapid and included items by Mrs. Miriam Yalan-Stekelis, Dr. Shimon Appelbaum and Miss Hadassah Rohler.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Lecture:— Professor E. Hammershaim, Professor of Theology, University of Aarhus, Denmark: "Twenty-Five Years of Ras Shamra Investigations" (in English). Ratisbonne Building, Hall 73 (entrance from Rehov Snold) 8.30 p.m.

★ Libraries:— American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6.

★ Archaeology: — Permanent exhibition and finds from excavation near Ein Gedi. Dept. of Antiquities, 35 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 4-6.

★ Exhibitions: — Modern Mexican Prints (Rivera, Orosco, Siqueiros, etc.). Peruvian ceramics. New Acquisitions. Prints by William Hogarth. Exhibit of the month: "Three Women in a Glade." National Museum Bezalel, 9-1, 3-5 p.m.

Exhibition of paintings by Hanna Weiler-Levi and Josef Kossonogi, auspices: The Israel Artists and Sculptors Association, Artists' House, 10-1, 4-6.

★ Tour: — Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:— 300 Years of Dutch Painting. Museum, 10-6 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Audrey and Jost Burgner: Chortnsky Gallery, 16 Rehov Gordon, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ Theatre: "Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

Habimah, "The Living Corpse," Habimah Theatre, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Gramophone recital: — Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio" — L.P. records — Pevzner Hall, 8 p.m.

HADERA

★ Theatre: — De-Re-Mi, "Countess Maritza," Operetta, 8.30 p.m.

BEERSHEBA

★ Theatre: — Habimah, "Mesz Cryel — The King," 8 p.m.

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Army School-Work Means Integration

By Our Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — "To integrate the soldier into the life of the country is why the Army Educational Unit was engaged in teaching soldiers Hebrew and local geography, Rav-Seren Manor told the military correspondents last week.

The Army also maintains 20 special classes preparing regular officers and non-commissioned officers for matriculation. Police personnel and war invalids are also eligible to take part in the courses.

A few high ranking officers were permitted to take leave of absence and study at the Hebrew University, Rav-Seren Manor said, and a certain number of officers on active service are given special preparation for matriculation in town. All other courses are conducted in the evenings only, in towns and larger Army camps.

A text book for teaching new immigrants Hebrew, recently, issued by the Educational Unit has illustrative sketches in two colours, and is expected to give the student a mastery of colloquial language. Officers have been supplied with a pocket book, "Everywhere", describing every locality in Israel, and with illustrative booklets giving more detailed geographical and historical information on areas in which the Army is likely to train or in which it is particularly interested.

A total of 2,045 policemen are studying Hebrew and geography in 74 classes.

This was revealed at a meeting today of the various groups represented on the educational programme for the Police Department, including cultural officers of the Department, directors of the Hebrew programme of the Workers' Councils of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, local authorities and supervisors of the Education Ministry's Department for the Propagation of the Hebrew Language.

It was decided to engage teachers for police stations on the border, and to increase the number of classes to 100.

Ice Revue Coming To Ramat Gan

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — The first "Ice Revue" to be shown in Israel, Will Redley's "American Ice Circus," will open at the Ziratron in Ramat Gan on February 25.

The 28-men troupe, together with 45 tons of ice-producing machinery, decorations and costumes, are due in the Negbah next Wednesday.

There is to be one afternoon and one evening performance daily, each lasting almost three hours. The programme includes folk dances and circus tricks.

The group is to perform exclusively at the Ziratron which is financing the enterprise. The capital involved is IL.50,000.

Large-Scale Intensive Farming Spurs Industrial Crop Output

By a Special Correspondent

Large-scale intensive farming based on hired labour and modern scientific methods, is making steady progress and should shortly become a major factor in the production of industrial crops and export vegetables.

This claim was made by Yitzur V'Pituah Ltd. (Production and Development), a company founded two years ago by the Ihud Hakvutsot Vehakibbutzim together with the Histadrut and the Jewish Agency. The company's prediction is based on experience at its Havat Shmuel estate, sponsored by the well-known American agricultural pioneer, Mr. Sam Hamburg.

A second estate has been established at Brur Hayil, a settlement on the Negev road, and a big expansion programme has been planned. Four more estates, with a total area of about 30,000 dunams, are to be put into operation this year. Two will be established in the Beisan district, in the vicinity of Havat Shmuel, one in the Little Triangle (near Kakun), and one near Urim, in the Negev.

Each estate is planned as a consolidated farm unit covering an area of 2,000-4,000 dunams equipped with modern machinery and irrigation installations. A smaller farm, of 600 dunams, is run on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The area cultivated by the company for the various communal settlements on a contractual basis is also to be increased by about 5,000 dunams.

Cotton Expansion

Grain and fodder are the main crops grown on the irrigated plots, but in the Beisan district, about 2,500 dunams of the cultivated area will be devoted to growing cotton. Excellent results have been achieved in cotton growing under the direction of Mr. Hamburg, and a cotton ginning factory is to be established in the Beisan Valley.

The area is also developing as a centre for growing special export varieties of tomatoes and carrots, and a mechanical packing house for tomatoes is to be established shortly. At Brur Hayil and Jerusalem citrus and fruit orchards are being planted.

The estates are to provide about 150,000 work days in the course of the next year (an average of 15 work days annually per dunam); that is, continual employment for about 600 persons. The investment amounts to about IL.200 per dunam, to which a similar amount must be added for current expenditure.

The programme, involving about IL.8m., is to be financed mainly by loans from the Development Budget, to be included under the items Employment, Agriculture and Development.

Kibbutzim Seek Aid From Gov't, Histadrut

TIBERIAS, Sunday. — The first session of the Ihud Hakvutsot Vehakibbutzim Centre was held in Kfar Giladi of the end of last week.

The three-day agenda included the absorption of 5,000 persons in Ihud settlements in 1954; the creation of a absorption fund from the added value of the hired labour in the kibbutzim; founding of a IL.250,000 housing fund; recruiting 300 members from the settlements for work in the Ihud institutions and among youth here and abroad, and creating a volunteer organization from all Ihud settlements for youth work and pioneer settlement in the Negev.

Many speakers in the debate criticized the Government and the Histadrut because they did not extend enough help to the kibbutzim in the absorption of immigrants and the solution of housing problems. The meeting ended with the adoption of resolutions reflecting this attitude.

PERPETUAL TEETH

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). Dentists may soon be able to fill decayed teeth with materials which allow calcium and phosphate crystals to grow into them, producing fillings indistinguishable from real teeth, a meeting of the American Chemical Society was told last week in a report by Mr. Martin Burger and Dr. Edward Sobel of the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn.

The report stated that these new findings needed to be confirmed by further studies.

Press Review :

'Haboker': Strengthen Ties With Oppressed in Neighbouring States

Commenting on the broadcasts of Radio Damascus, which reflect Colonel Shishakly's terror in the face of his own people, "Haboker" (General Zionist) says that internal weakness and external disputes prevail throughout the Arab world. The Zionist movement and the State of Israel have both been influenced to a certain degree by th fairy tales about "Arab unity," sponsored by certain London circles. Israel, the paper goes on, is a natural ally of all the oppressed minorities in the Arab countries and ties with them should be strengthened.

"Davar" (Histadrut) declares that Israel awaits the reply of the U.N. Secretary General with regard to our demand for a meeting with Jordan. The paper believes that the U.N. must see to it that the armistice talks take place. The present violation of the armistice agreement by Jordan, though certainly not the first, is the most far-reaching, and endangers its very continuation.

Both "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) and "Herut" deal with the shortage of credit for the agricultural settlements, because of which, claims the former, our agriculture cannot even exploit all existing opportunities to increase production: this has a detrimental effect of the long range policy of agrarization. While "Herut" does not deny that the settlements need more credit it stresses that so do other sectors of the economy.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) criticises the decision of the bus co-operatives to strike, and says that their managers underrate the importance of public opinion, which supports the Ministry in this struggle. The public will realize at last that it is at the mercy of a monopoly and the cooperatives stand to be the losers in the fight. "Hamodia" (Agudat Yisrael) shares the opinion that the statement issued by "Eshed", "Dan" and "Hamekasher" over the weekend is unconvincing. The paper also recalls that the cooperatives did not establish Funds for the development and renovation of their buses until the Government intervened.

Other editorial topics include the new agreement between the employees and the management of the Palestine Electric Company ("Davar") repercussions of the demonstration in New York against national service for orthodox girls ("Omer,") and the present second stage in the popular housing scheme ("Zmanim").

IZMIR FAIR

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Quotas for unlicensed imports will be granted by the Turkish Ministry of Commerce to participants in the annual Izmir Fair, the Turkish Central Fairs and Exhibitions Committee has announced.

The Izmir Fair is to open on August 20, and will last for one month. This year's Fair will be the third consecutive exhibition at Izmir which Israel has attended.

Requests and inquiries should be sent to Dr. A. Justic, of the Manufacturers Association, Tel Aviv.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 34.8, 48.9 & 322 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.15 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.50 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Concerto grosso No. 3 (Geminiani); Concerto for Organ, Strings & Harp (Hanson); Serenade for Strings (Suk). 1.45 "The Voice of the Violin" (R). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 Piano Recital: Rivka Gerlitz. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Ballet Music (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Songs Programme. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Answer to the Citizen. 9.00 Curtain Up. 9.45 Light Music (R). 10.00 Trio for Piano, Violin & Horn (Brahms), played by Gershon Jarecki, Shlomo Mishori & Avraham Aharoni. 10.35 "Notturno" 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

(49.5, 25.0, 19.8, 16.9 M.)

English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Chamber Music (R). 4.30 Messages to Immigrants. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.30 Literature Corner. 5.50 Ballet Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANT'S HOUR (32.1, 34.9 & 480 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Lisbon: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.1 M.): 11.15 News. Newsreel & Economic Review. 11.45 Songs.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 31.8, 25.4 & 220 M.): 4.30 Opening. 4.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 The Soldier and the Civilian. 8.00 Light Music. 8.30 News. 8.45 Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.59; 34.62; 30.43; 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. —News; News Talk; Press Review

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Fri., Feb. 19, "Eden" Hadera

New Law Speeds Marital Cases

Although the hearing of marital and divorce cases has been speeded up by the Law giving exclusive jurisdiction to Rabbinical Courts, there is still a three-month lag in the judgment of such cases, the spokesman of the Ministry for Religious Affairs has reported, six months after the Marriage and Divorce Law came into force.

The delay results from a lack of Dayanim (judges) who cannot be appointed until the Religious Court Judges Bill becomes Law. There are 17 Courts of three judges each, in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Petah Tikva, Tiberias, Rehovot and Safad. Before the Law was adopted, pressure of work in the District Court of each of the three cities made it hard to get a final settlement of marital cases.

The Legal Adviser of the Ministry for Social Welfare noted that the Rabbinical Courts came nearer to the informal body needed to deal with domestic relations. But litigants referred to the Rabbinical Court of Appeal have to wait many months for a hearing. In general, however, the Ministry's legal aid offices have noticed much improvement in the handling of marital cases.

The Law gives Rabbinical Courts the power to force a husband to divorce his wife. (According to Jewish Law, a wife cannot initiate divorce proceedings). The new provision has already proved its worth in several cases where a woman would otherwise be chained for life to a long-term convict or mental patient. The Petah Tikva Rabbinical Court has just given a divorce order to the husband of a Youth Aliya orphan girl. She was married to him in Yemen when only 12, and later he took a second wife. He obdurately refused to give up the girl, declaring that she would be a companion for his second wife. According to the Law, six months must elapse before the Attorney General can ask a District Court to commit the husband to prison until he frees his wife.

LAW REPORTS

THE JERUSALEM POST
February 15, 1954

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Appeal before: Justices Silberg, Goitein, Landau.

Ya'acov Lachofsky v. The Attorney General. (CA/18/54.)

Bribery Conviction Upheld

The Court of Appeal, in dismissing last Friday this appeal from a judgment of the District Court, Haifa (No. 550/52) given on January 15, 1954, held that the evidence disclosed before the Court of first instance had fully justified their finding the accused guilty of bribery according to Section 106 of the Criminal Code, 1936, as briefly reported yesterday.

The facts as they appeared from the proceedings before the District Court were as follows: Yaacov Lachofsky, aged 59, was a Food Controller in Haifa whose duty it was to see that restaurants kept within the regulations. In December 1951, he accused the owner of the Balfour Cafe, Haifa, of selling meat on a meatless day. He apparently agreed to accept IL.130 as gratification in return for not pursuing the matter further. The restaurant owner informed the police of the proposed transaction, whereupon a plain-clothes man was posted in a place suitable for observing Lachofsky in the act of receiving the money.

Lachofsky admitted receiving the money, but claimed that he was attempting to apply a new system of administrative fines on the spot for any contraventions of the food regulations. The IL.130 had been the first of these fines, which would subsequently be paid to some acceptable charity.

Grounds of Appeal

The District Court dismissed this claim as fantastic and found Lachofsky guilty of accepting a bribe, sentencing him to two years imprisonment without the alternative of a fine.

Mr. G. Tsherniak, who appeared for the appellant, claimed that there had not been sufficient evidence before the District Court to prove that Lachofsky had taken the money in return for agreeing to drop the complaint against the owner of the restaurant.

He claimed further that the District Court had unjustifiably rejected the veracity of Lachofsky's whole story by dismissing it as entirely absurd and fantastic, whereas certain parts of it were undeniably true.

In the event of the Court's concurring with the decision of the District Court, Counsel for the appellant pleaded for reduction of the sentence of two years in the light of the advanced age of the accused who had contracted angina pectoris as a result of the anxiety and distress caused to him by these proceedings. He asked the Court to impose a fine instead of imprisonment, an alternative specifically mentioned in Section 106.

Judgment

Mr. Justice Silberg, in delivering the judgment of the Court, said that the evidence had justified the findings of the District Court that the accused had accepted a gratification in return for neglecting to perform his duties. The Court, Mr. Justice Silberg said, would not take a lenient view of offences of this nature by imposing fines instead of imprisonment, as this would only encourage other offenders to anticipate the fine by adding an appropriate sum to that which they intended extorting.

The Court felt, Mr. Justice Silberg added, that the evil of corruption could only be exterminated by imposing heavy prison sentences. The plea to reduce the sentence was therefore dismissed.

For the Appellant: Mr. G. Tsherniak, Advocate.

For the Respondent: Mr. G. Bach, Asst. State Attorney.

J'lem Betar Bid For Premier Status

TEL AVIV. — A Second Division match was the highlight of Saturday's soccer games when Jerusalem Betar beat Rehovot Hapoel 2:1 in a game that may move Jerusalem Betar up to the First Division next season and leave Rehovot Hapoel in the Second Division.

At the moment, the Rehovot team has slight edge over the Jerusalemites. Both gained 40 points from 26 games, but the goal average of Rehovot, 87:32, is more favourable than Jerusalem's, 74:28.

A decision by the Soccer Federation's "High Court" may, however, give two extra points to Jerusalem Betar. The Jerusalem team appealed to the Court regarding a game played a few weeks ago against Ra'anana Hapoel who allegedly used another player for Zvi Schmidt, a team member who, Jerusalem Betar allege, was abroad at the time. The Court had until now been unable to summon Schmidt for a hearing.

The half-time score in today's game stood at 1:0 in favour of Rehovot with a goal scored from a penalty kick. Jerusalem rallied to win in the second half.

Betar Upsets Hapoel

In the First Division of the Soccer League, a full round of six games was played with several upsets. Tel Aviv Betar, at 11th place in the Division table, beat fourth-placed Tel Aviv Hapoel 1:0. Haifa Maccabi exchanged the ninth for the eighth place with Haifa Hapoel.

In Haifa, Tel Aviv Maccabi played fast, fine and aggressive football to beat Haifa Hapoel 3-1 in a First Division game. The home team also played well, but Tel Aviv deserved the victory.

The visitors' performance was very different from their show against the local Maccabi side last week, when their play was weak and listless.

FULL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION: Petah Tikva Maccabi — Ramat Gan Hapoel 3:1 (1:0); Tel Aviv Maccabi — Haifa Hapoel 3:1 (1:0); Kfar Saba Hapoel — Netanya Maccabi 2:0 (1:0); Petah Tikva Hapoel — Rehovot Maccabi 2:2 (1:1); Haifa Maccabi — Balfouria Hapoel 2:1 (1:1).

SECOND DIVISION: Sha'arayim Maccabi — Tel Aviv Hakoah 1:1; Jaffa Maccabi — Ra'anana Hapoel 1:1; Ramat Gan Maccabi — Herzlia Hapoel 1:1, Tel Aviv Bnei Yehuda — Rishon Lezion Hapoel 4:2; Jerusalem Maccabi — Mishmar Ha'emek Hapoel 5:2; Haifa [illegible] Galuyot — Hahotrim Hapoel 1:1

Chelsea Downs Wolves, Brighton Shocks Ipswich

By AKIVA KALMAN

Chelsea, unpredictable famous English soccer side, continued their most successful season in years, by defeating second-placed Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday 4-2 at Stamford Bridge. The "Pensioners" lie eighth in the First Division table with 31 points, one above Arsenal.

Meanwhile West Bromwich Albion made no mistake against a fighting Sheffield Wednesday, despite an upset start, and now lead the First Division with 44 points, three in front of the "Wolves." The "Blades" scored twice in the first four minutes against the leaders, but West Brom. equalized by half time and then netted twice again in the second half without reply in a typical victory.

Huddersfield Town, with a smashing 3-0 away win over Middlesbrough, took over third berth with 38 points, replacing Bolton Wanderers (37 points), whose unbeaten home record went by the board with a defeat by Preston North End.

Lead Whittled Down

The biggest shock of the day occurred in the Third Division (South) when second-placed Brighton and Hove Albion beat leaders Ipswich Town on their own ground, 3-2, despite a 1-2 halftime deficit. This brought Brighton (42) within a point of Ipswich (43), who started 1954 with a comfortable seven-point lead.

The ding-dong battle for promotion in the Second Division continued with wins for joint leaders Leicester City and Everton, who both have 38 points. Leicester won well, away over Plymouth Argyle, 3-0, while the "Toffeemen," aided by a hat-trick from Wainwright, also won away, 6-2, over Derby County. Two more hat tricks came in this section, from Cappell, Nottingham Forest 4-1 home winners over Fulham; and John Charles (leading goal-scorer with 32), Leeds United, 5-2 home victors over Lincoln City.

Charles' nearest sharpshooting rival, Connor, of Stockport County, netted twice in his side's 3-2 home win over Mansfield Town, and has a total so far of 27. Third Divisioners Lawie, of Rochdale, and Graham, of Newport County, were other hat-trick gainers.

RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIV. I: Arsenal 1, Cardiff C. 1; Blackp'l 1, Sunderl'd 1; Bolton W. 0, Preston N.E. 3; Chelsea 4, Wolves 2; Livery'l 2, Charlton 2; Man. U. 2, Tottenham 0; Midd'sbro' 0, Huddersf'ld 3; Newcastle 3, Burnley 1; Portsm'th 4, Man. C. 1; Sheff. U. vs. Aston V. post; West Brom. 4, Sheff. W. 2. DIV. II: Birm'gham 2, West Ham 0; Blackb'n 4, Oldham 0; Brentf'd 2, Hull C. 3; Bris. R. 1, Notts C. 1; Derby C. 2, Everton 6; Doncr. R. 0, Bury 1; Leeds 5, Linc. C. 3; Luton 0, Stoke C. 3; Notts. F. 4, Fulham 1; Plym'th 0, Leic. C. 3; Swansea 0, Rotherham 2. DIV. III (S): Ald'shot 2, Bris. C. 5; Bournem'th 1, Watf'd 3; Cov. C. 4, Torquay 0; Exeter 0, Q.P.R. 0; Gill'ham 2, N'hampton 1; Ipswich 2, Brighton 3; Leyton 2, Read'g 1; Millwall 3, S'thend 1; Newp't 4, Norwich 1; Shrewsb'y 1, S'hampton 3; Swindon 1, Cry. P. 1; Walsall 2, Colch'ster 3. DIV.III (N): Acc. S. 0, Brad. C. 1; Barnsley vs. Gateesh'd, Bradf'd vs. Work'gton post; Carlisle 2, Chesterf'ld 3; Chester 1, S'thp't 0; Crewe 1, York 1; Darl'gton vs. Hartlep'ls post; Grimsby 1, Barrow 0; Halifax vs. Tranmere post; Port V. 0, Scunth'pe 0; Rochdale 0, Wrexham 2; Stockp't 3, Mansf'ld 2. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIV. A: St. Mirren 1, E. Fife 1. DIV. B: Dumbarton vs. St. Johnstone post. RUGBY UNION: INTERNATIONALS: England 14 pts., Ireland 3 (at Twickenham); Scotland 8, New Zealand 3 (at Murrayfield). CRICKET (S. AFRICA): Western Provinces, 240 and 10 for one; New Zealand 324 for 8 dec.

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At the Cinema

WE have had many child actors on the screen recently indeed, though they may not all rise to the heights of René Clement's masterful "Jeux Interdits." "Hunted" (Or-Gil, J'lem), a British production, parallels Ted Telslaff's "Window" in many ways. Six-year-old Robbie (Jon Whitley), afraid of going home after setting fire to the window-curtains, joins ex-sailor murderer Dirk Bogarde in a desperate flight from Scotland Yard.

FRANGO

One Woman Show

"AMIRAT el Ahlam" (The Princess of Dreams, Semadar), with the young Lebanese star, Nur el Huda, is a one woman show. Narrative and action stand rather pale in comparison with the appearance of the Oriental beauty and her vocal gift, which have made her a favourite among female Cairo screen stars. Produced by Ahmed Jalal, this revival will be enjoyed by lovers of Arabic music and song, but it is below the general standard of Egyptian productions of this kind, which generally combine music with something like a story and a convincing cast.

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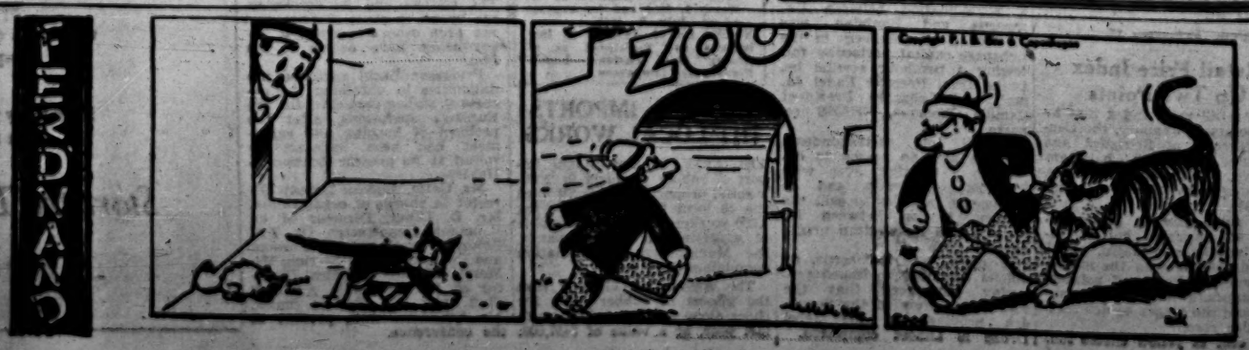

Today's Post Bag

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Natanya	89	10	16	15
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Eilat	18	9	20	18

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy with intermittent showers accompanied by local thunderstorms, especially during the morning.

"A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp expected today.

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"VARDA", AN "UNDERGROUND organization", which had as its object the interception of love letters between young boys and girls, was broken up by the Jerusalem police following the 24-hour detention and interrogation of its leaders. Police have also been investigating the case of the "Organization of Nurses for Justice" which sent a threatening letter to Mrs. Rahel Steinberg, nurse supervisor of the Straus Health Centre, Jerusalem.

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PERSIAN CARPETS, jewellery, silverware, a fur coat, a typewriter and clothing, together valued at IL.8,000, were stolen by thieves who used a false key to enter the apartment of Mrs. Venetzia Alkalai, at 222 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv, on Saturday while the owners were away.

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TREE PLANTERS AND VINE growers in central and southern parts of the country are warned by the Plant Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture to spray their plants in accordance with instructions issued by its bulletins to prevent them from becoming infected. This warning applies particularly to those transferring plants from one part of the country to another.

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THE REPORT THAT passenger trains will begin running between Tel Aviv and Migdal Ascalon at the beginning of April is premature, the Railway Management has announced.

Patrol at Kalkilia Fired On from Jordan

An armed force patrolling the Jordan armistice lines near Kalkilia was fired upon by Jordanians from across the lines yesterday, the Army spokesman has announced.

The Israel patrol returned the fire. An emergency meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission has been requested to consider a complaint on the Jordan attack.

Crossing the border in broad daylight, a group of marauders from Jordan fell on Beduin goatherds in the Negev on Saturday and made off with the 26 goats they were tending. The animals are valued at IL.1,300.

Two marauders from the Gaza strip were detained by Beduin tribesmen elsewhere in the Ne-

7 INFILTRATORS HELD IN WEEK

In the week ending February 11, there were 11 clashes between the security forces and armed infiltrators, in which seven infiltrators were detained, it was officially announced last night.

In the same period, infiltrators twice violated the borders for the purpose of grazing their herds and ploughing, and there were 11 thefts of sheep, camels and irrigation pipes.

gev on Saturday. One of the infiltrators was in possession of a pistol. An 84-year-old marauder was also caught in the Negev that day. All were handed over to the police.

Three Israel Beduin who had crossed into Jordan two months ago were returned to Israel by the MAC yesterday. They were detained on charges of leaving the country illegally and were released in bond.

On Saturday night, police seized a truck containing two cows and five calves in a wadi near Kibbutz Shoval. The truck driver, Haim Bergson, 35, of Beersheba, was arrested. Police believe that the cows were smuggled from over the Jordan border and were intended for sale in Tel Aviv.

Cities, Trains Ready For Busmen's Strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — The railway management has completed plans to run 14 extra passenger trains on Tuesday if the bus cooperatives insist on holding their threatened strike, Mr. M. Savidor, Acting Railway General Manager, told the Press here this evening.

There would be 600 seats in each train.

There will be one extra passenger train from Haifa to Tel Aviv, three from Tel Aviv to Haifa, two from Haifa to the Bayside suburbs up to Kiryat Motzkin, and five from the Krayot back to Haifa.

Trains to and from Jerusalem will have extra carriages to deal with increased traffic. During the strike hours, the extra trains from and to Tel Aviv will use the Central Station.

Mr. Savidor explained that the railways were able to add the extra wagons and locomotives because of more efficient work at the repair shops here. All railway shops have been asked to make special efforts in order to permit the emergency service to be put into operation.

Diesel to Be Run

The first Diesel locomotive which has been out of commission for some time because of a breakdown, will probably be running by Tuesday because a spare part needed for the repair has been received from the U.S. by El Al.

The extra passenger traffic would harm goods-hauling schedules and cause financial loss for the railways. On the other hand, it will bring extra revenue through increased passenger traffic, Mr. Savidor pointed out.

The journey from Haifa to Tel Aviv (central station) costs 650 prutot, compared with 900 prutot by bus; from Haifa to Jerusalem IL.1.250, compared with IL.1.675 by bus, and from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem 600 prutot (800 by bus).

The extra trains from Haifa to Tel Aviv will leave at 9.30 a.m.; from Tel Aviv central station to Haifa at 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m. and 2.13 p.m. and from Haifa to Kiryat Motzkin 7.52, 9.20, 10.50, in the morning and 12.10 and 1.50 in the afternoon; from Kiryat Motzkin to Haifa at 8.35, 10.05, and 11.35 in the morning and 1.05 and 2.35 in the afternoon.

In Tel Aviv

Mayor Haim Levanon declared at the Municipal Council meeting in Tel Aviv last night that he strongly objected to the proposed strike of the bus cooperatives. There were proper bodies to deal with disputes and there was no need to resort to strikes, he added.

The Mayor announced that if the strike were to materialize, all city-owned vehicles would be put at the public's disposal, and called on all public institutions to follow this example. He also called on private car owners to help on that day.

In conjunction with the Ministry of Communications, a committee has been formed to administer transportation during the strike hours, the Mayor concluded.

Passer-By Saves Office from Fire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prompt action by a bystander in Rehov Jaffa, Jerusalem, yesterday morning, helped to put out a fire in the Yatour Ltd. office there.

Mr. Ze'ev Liebel, of Neve Sha'anan, was passing the premises when he saw flames leaping up resulting from an overturned kerosene stove. They began to spread as Mr. Liebel rushed in, seized the stove and carried it out into the open road where it was extinguished by a neighbour.

Meanwhile the manager of the branch and his staff smothered the flames inside the office.

Mr. Liebel received treatment at the Magen David Adom and subsequently visited an eye specialist and a general practitioner privately.

The only damage was to a pair of overalls, a blanket, the telephone and clothes.

Spark from Radio Set Does IL.3,000 Damage

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Furniture estimated at IL.3,000 was destroyed in the home of Mrs. Sara Gabai, in Rehov Luria here, this afternoon, as a result of a fire caused by the short circuiting of a radio set.

According to firemen, the set had apparently been switched off when the owners left the apartment, but a spark later set fire to the wooden case and spread from there to the furniture.

Lack of Ships Delays 500,000 Cases Fruit

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Citrus picking stopped today for a week, due to an accumulation of about half a million crates in ports, stores and railway stations, it was learned from the citrus Marketing Board.

The accumulation was the result of speedy picking which continued in most parts of the country last week; this, despite the rain and winds. The stoppage puts about 10,000 workers out of employment for about six days.

Meanwhile, the s.s. Kineret which last week returned from Odessa to Istanbul unable to unload 40,000 crates of citrus due to the freezing of the Russian port, today was reported sailing for Odessa once again.

Our Haifa Bureau reports that this afternoon, a line of lorries loaded with fruit stretching for over one kilometre, was waiting outside the Port. In order to alleviate the situation, the Port Authority decided to free storage space in addition to the four sheds already exclusively reserved for the fruit.

Altogether, 13,000 square metres of closed storage are now set aside for fruit, totalling nearly 30% of the Port's available closed space.

Today, only two ships were loading fruit and both of them had almost completed their work. Tomorrow, only one ship, the s.s. Korana, with an 8,000-case capacity is expected, and on Tuesday two more vessels, with a total capacity of 80,000 cases, are due to arrive.

However, these ships will do little to ease the situation, as the Port is now able to load up to 90,000 cases daily provided that three ships are continuously and simultaneously available.

Over the weekend, loading was cut to only 59,000 cases because of the lack of ships and today, no more than 50,000 cases could be loaded.

It is pointed out that the Port Authority is unable to improve the situation, as smooth citrus export is dependent on close coordination between the responsible bodies outside the Port.

Unemployment Worst In Coastal Plain

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Unemployment in the Sharon presents a gloomier picture than elsewhere, despite the citrus harvest, the Labour Ministry spokesman disclosed in Jerusalem yesterday, noting that the situation when citrus-picking ends will probably be worse than in previous years.

The general level of unemployment remains static, with an average 17,000 registering daily. During fair weather, such as the week ending last February 2, this figure fell by approximately 2,500.

The high concentration of unskilled jobless in Petah Tikva, Rehovot, Rishon LeZion and other towns in the plain has been aggravated by an influx from immigrant settlements. Local Labour Exchanges report that the registers are swelled by men who abandoned new villages or left *ma'barot*.

This area being industrial as well as agricultural, the adoption of more efficient methods in local factories, enabling staff cuts, has also contributed towards increasing unemployment.

Work for Sharon

To offset this combination of factors, the Ministry of Labour has allocated 900 work-days to the Sharon. Mr. D. Kohavi, head of the Employment Department, explained that the Ministry had hitherto paid more attention to providing work-days in new settlements than alleviating work-shortage in the citrus region.

About three months ago, many families threatened to quit their immigrant smallholdings unless they received help to tide them over initial difficulties. The Ministry guaranteed a minimum of three work-days weekly to men in 150 villages where conditions were most serious.

According to Mr. Kohavi and his colleagues in the field, the atmosphere has improved since regular outside jobs became available.

Termination of the citrus season will throw 800 more men on the labour market in Haifa, where 2,000 already queue for work. The Ministry hopes to anticipate trouble by planning extra public works in the area. Outside of Haifa, employment in the northern region is satisfactory.

Herzog Denounces 'Slander of Israel'

In a telegram to rabbinical organizations in the U.S., Chief Rabbi I. H. Herzog yesterday requested these bodies to use their influence to halt "the slander against the State of Israel which brings shame on the nation and is liable to cause harm."

The Chief Rabbi was referring particularly to the proposed demonstration in front of the U.N. building tomorrow by groups opposed to National Service for Women in Israel.

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — "Ha-oved Hadati," the religious workers' group in the Histadrut, has issued a statement denouncing the demonstration before the Israel Consulate in New York last week by "extremist religious groups."

McCarthy Under Fire

BOSTON, Sunday (Reuter). — Brigadier-General Telford Taylor, US prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, declared here today that Senator Joseph McCarthy, Republican chairman of the Senate's Investigation Sub-Committee, had "outrageously abused" his powers.

General Taylor, a reserve officer, who has been denounced by the Senator as a "security risk," was speaking to a meeting of the Boston Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

He attacked Senator McCarthy's probe, last November, of an alleged "spy ring" in the secret radar laboratories of the U.S. Army's Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

"Scientists, whose skills are badly needed in the interest of national defence, have been suspended from employment on the basis of flimsy and childish accusations which would probably never have been made except in the atmosphere of fear generated by Senator McCarthy and others like him," General Taylor said.

Frederick Lewis Allen Dies in New York

NEW YORK, Sunday. — Frederick Lewis Allen, author and editor, died here last night at the age of 63.

He formerly edited "Harpers," "Atlantic Monthly," and "Century Magazine." He wrote several books, including "Only Yesterday," a lively history of the U.S. Prohibition years.

Cables in Brief

MANOEUVRES. — Eight British warships sailed from Hong Kong yesterday to join, somewhere in the South China Sea, French and American units grouped for the "Sonata" manoeuvre, th first large-scale naval exercise in which fleets of the three countries have joined in this section of the Pacific since World War II.

TEACHERS. — Hundreds of West Bengal school teachers who have been squatting outside Government House in Calcutta, India, for four days to back increased pay claims, heard today that the Government has appointed a commission to examine their grievances. The "squatters" represent about 23,000 secondary school teachers.

HEIFETZ BANNED. — The import of Jascha Heifetz gramophone records has been banned in Syria, according to reports in the Damascus press.

Palate Operation Accepted Practice

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Sunday. — Dr. A. Bornstein, plastic surgery specialist of the Ministry of Health and of Kupat Holim, gave evidence in the hearing of the IL.16,000 damage claim against Dr. Fritz Peiser in the District Court here last week.

Mrs. Pnina Levoir is suing Dr. Peiser for allegedly causing injury to her daughter, Esther, whom he had treated for a cleft palate.

Testifying for the plaintiff, Dr. Bornstein said that he had never performed a cleft palate operation of the kind in this case.

However, he stated, the method was well known and accepted, and he had seen it demonstrated by Sir Harold Gillies at the International Plastic Surgeons' Conference in London in September 1953. Sir Harold considered it the proper method of closing a difficult cleft palate.

The operating surgeon himself would have to decide from where to take skin for grafting to close the cleft, and the witness thought that scars would remain after such an operation.

Dr. W. Falk, head of the Ramban Hospital Children's Department, for the respondent, thought that there was no connection between the operation and the paralysis of the girl's right arm, as the mother claimed, but that this had been caused by poliomyelitis.

Considering the nature of the cleft, the scars which had remained on the girl's body after the skin grafting were not extraordinary, Dr. Falk said.

Witness Charges Police Double-Crossed Him

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Al Masri, one of the four defendants standing trial for the alleged murder of Abu Alf in Bat Yam last year, charged the police with "double-crossing" him in his testimony in the District Court here today.

The police, he said, had promised him the status of a State's witness but later had charged him with the murder in which he had not been involved. He had been in the vicinity of the alleged murder scene on the evening of the killing, he stated, and had spoken to two other defendants, but that was all.

When he was arrested two days later, he had told the police all he knew and had helped them dig for the body in the yard where eventually it was found in a cesspit.

The hearing is to be resumed tomorrow.

Mines in Ex-Army Camps Unexplainable

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — "Despite the combing of Army camps before they were handed over to the civil authorities, mines and shells still blow up in former camps and no one can account for them," Mr. Yosef Tabenkin, former commander of the Harel Brigade, said in the District Court here today.

He was testifying in the hearing of the IL.100,000 damage suit which 15-year-old Yosef Mark has brought against the Jewish Agency for injuries which he incurred by the explosion of a shell in Mahane Israel "B" in February, 1952.

Yosef lost both legs, three fingers of his left hand and his left eye.

He charges the Jewish Agency with negligence, alleging that the Agency's personnel had failed to clear the camp of mines and shells. Mr. Tabenkin was commander of the Mahane Yisrael camp after its capture in the summer of 1948.

Moshe Lazarovitz, a boy who was wounded together with Yosef Mark, described to the Court the chain of circumstances which preceded the event. He said that they had found the bomb outside the camp and brought it to the camp fence where they tinkered with it until it blew up. Lazarovitz lost several fingers.

At a former hearing, the Jewish Agency claimed that it was not responsible for the accident since the shell was found outside its camp.

Beduin Child Killed by Mine

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A Beduin child of 12 was killed and another, also 12, severely wounded when a group of four Beduin children stepped on a mine and exploded it at Beit Eshel last Thursday. The two others, aged eight and 11, were slightly injured. The severely injured boy was taken to the Beersheba Hospital.

Beit Eshel is an abandoned kibbutz now belonging to the Development Authority which keeps it as a memorial of the War of Liberation. Last year, a tourists' bus hit a mine at Beit Eshel but no one was injured.

FILM-MAKERS HERE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). Six film technicians from 20th Century-Fox studios in Hollywood arrived here with their equipment by L.A.I. today on their way to South Africa to make a film. The group, headed by Mr. Oswald Gerd, will spend two days touring Israel.

Histadrut Suggests Public Inquiry

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Histadrut Executive's Central Committee heard a report by Mr. Shraga Goren today on his efforts to mediate between the Government and the transport cooperatives.

The Committee announced later that the Histadrut could not take any stand on the details of the dispute as its representatives had left Eshed some time ago and had not taken part in discussions on fares.

It recommended, however, the revival of the Government-appointed public committee to investigate all problems concerning passenger transport. Such a committee was appointed by the late D.Z. Pinkas, when Minister of Communications, but had ceased its activities upon his death.

Nazareth Communists Said Receiving Threats

NAZARETH, Sunday. — The Communists today distributed leaflets charging that a secret society called the Moslem Bond has sent threatening letters to Communist Moslems.

They charged that the threats emanated from circles who cooperated with the military government and whose aim is to form three separate communal lists for the coming municipal elections in the town "and thus undermine Communist influence over the population."

The Jerusalem Post reporter points out that in fact the Catholic community has already concluded their negotiations for establishing a united front in the area for the coming election.

Similarly, the majority of the Greek Orthodox Representative Council also favours the plan to present their own list of candidates for the election.

A united Moslem front is also anticipated now that internal differences between the Moslem Mayor and the Moslem Knesset member, Feis Adin Zoudi, have been ironed out. Such religious political groupings are viewed with alarm by the Communist Party.

Sabbath Rest in No-Man's Land

"I had no place to sleep, so I entered the abandoned house to spend the Sabbath."

This explanation was given by Shmuel Girgoan, 44, of the Geili *ma'bara*, near Herzlia, to police and U.N. officers who removed him on Saturday from a house in no-man's-land in the vicinity of Rehov Shmuel Hanavi in Jerusalem.

It appeared that Arab Legionnaires, whose guns were aimed at the house, mistook the bag which Girgoan held, containing his phylacteries and prayer shawl, for a time bomb.

Girgoan said that he had come to Jerusalem to enter a Yeshiva, but had not been accepted.

(Itim)

Blows Over Sale of Pork

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday. — An uproar leading to beard-pulling and blows broke out in the Municipal Council meeting here this afternoon, during the hearing of an opposition motion to discuss a ban on the sale of pork.

The motion was introduced by the eight Councillors, (five General Zionists, one Herut, one Agudat Yisrael, and one Mizrahi), Mayor P. Rashish (Mapai) supported by four Mapai Councillors, two Mapam and one Poalei Agudat Yisrael, refused to debate the proposal, claiming that the question had already been debated last month.

The Mayor's refusal infuriated Mr. M. Shwalb, (Mizrahi) and also Mr. S. Katz (Agudat Yisrael), who, grabbing the Mayor's gavel, started to pound on the table and shout for a debate.

They were joined by dozens of young religious townsmen who turned the Council room into a bedlam.

When Mr. Y. Eidelman, (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) Deputy Mayor, shouted "There is no pork in Petah Tikva!" he was grabbed by the beard by young hotheads. The two Mapam Councillors, Vice-Mayor D. Tabachnik and Mr. H. Zakai, intervened to free Mr. Eidelman, scuffling with the youths.

After an hour, the Council meeting was finally brought to order.

The Opposition announced that they would introduce a non-confidence motion and renew their demand for a debate on pork at the next session.

Migdal Ascalon's Only Pharmacist Jailed

MIGDAL ASCALON, Sunday (ITIM).—This town's 15,000 inhabitants may be without a pharmacy for a month, following the imprisonment for that period of its only pharmacist a few days ago.

The man, Ibrahim Zacharia, was sentenced by a military court to a month in prison for having entered a military area without a permit. He had gone to visit Sheikh Suleiman el Huseil in the Northern Negev.

The Mayor, the District Representative and others reportedly are now trying to intervene, and have asked Zacharia to appeal to the Chief-of-Staff against the sentence, in order to avoid hardship to the townsfolk here.

Byzantine Floor Revealed by Waves

MIGDAL ASCALON, Sunday (ITIM). — A stone floor from the Byzantine period was uncovered on the seashore here by the action of the waves in the past few days. Most antiquities have in the past been found on the hilltop slightly inland, but this find is at the base of the ancient harbour.

Representatives of the Government's Department of Antiquities have inspected the site and intend excavating the surrounding shore area when the rains cease.

Higher Rates and Fees In Jerusalem Draft Budget

Rates, licence fees and entertainment taxes are to be increased, according to the Jerusalem Municipal draft budget for 1954/55.

The Municipal Treasurer has based his draft on the assumption that a cut of IL.200,000 will be made in administration expenses, it was revealed at the Council meeting last night.

This cut would mean the dismissal of 80 workers, but their compensation would cost the Municipality IL.175,000. The Treasurer noted that salaries have risen by 13.5% due to the increased cost-of-living allowance.

Revenue in the draft budget assumes a 90% collection of property and other rates; the present intensified collection is netting about 80%. The Treasurer balances the budget by assuming that IL.2,875,000 will come in from rates, instead of IL.1,750,000 as was received last year.

A further IL.700,000 is expected to accrue from proposed increases in municipal levies. Property and room-rates will rise from 15% to 20%, and the entertainment tax from 53% to 60%, in addition to higher fees for all kinds of licences.

Ask for More

The Department heads had requested far larger allocations than the budget draft specifies. The Sanitation Department receives an 18% increase on the 1953 allowance, and the Social Welfare Department is given 14% more than last year, with similar percentages to cover salary increases.

The Treasurer explained that he could not include revenue from rates paid by Government offices and the national institutions, as the Ministry of Interior has not yet decided whether such rates would be retroactive, and what category of rates could be levied.

The Municipal Finance Committee has approved a scheme whereby Malben loans the Municipality IL.120,000 to put up market stalls providing a livelihood for disabled and incapacitated immigrants. The stalls would be set up in districts with potential customers, such as Baka'a and Talpiot. In order to repay the debt to Malben, the Municipality would have to charged a much higher rent for the stalls than is customary in the existing market.

Levanon Stands By Tel Aviv Engineer

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mayor Haim Levanon tonight announced his "complete confidence" in Mr. Moshe Amiaz, the City Engineer. He stated that reports in the Press as to Mr. Amiaz' connection with the irregularities discovered in the Maintenance Department were unfounded.

He criticized the Press for making "sweeping statements" as to the integrity of the city's officials based on the misbehaviour of some individuals.

The Mayor was speaking at the Council's weekly meeting which discussed the proposed amendments to the municipal business tax.

Bananas for Germany

HAIFA, Sunday. — A small quantity of bananas is to be shipped to Germany this week as a trial consignment, it was learned here. Tnuva Exports is also sending 40 tons of groundnuts to Switzerland this week.

Tomorrow, the first citrus exports to Hungary of 1,500 cases are to be loaded in the s.s. Messapia.

British Vessel Repaired At Haifa

HAIFA, Sunday.— The British s.s. El Halal left here on her way to Beirut on Friday after major repairs on her engine.

These were carried out by the Palestine Ship Repair Company here, earning over £1,000. The ship was towed into the port 10 days ago after her engine had broken down on her way from Port Said to Beirut.

Fishing Boat Sinks South of Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — A fishing boat owned by an Israel Arab sank off Neve Reuven (Nebi Rubin) south of here last night. The crew was saved.

The wreck occurred when two boats, one owned by Mr. George Jibli and the other by the Na'aman Fishing Company, collided in the dark while trailing their nets. Mr. Jibli's vessel sank within a few minutes. The crew were picked up by fishermen on the second boat.

The wrecked craft was valued at IL.5,000.

Spark Plugs Can Now Do Better

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — As from tomorrow, Shell petrol will contain a special chemical ingredient designed to lessen the fouling of spark plugs and increase engine power. The enriched petrol will not cost extra.

Mr. L.D. Mudie, General Manager of the Shell Company of Israel, and company technicians told the Press today that the new chemical (known as I.C.A. — Ignition control additive) contains tricresyl phosphate and makes deposits in cylinders and plugs harmless. It was perfected after years of experimentation and was introduced in the U.S. last year and in Europe some months ago.

Rain in Eilat

Light rain fell in Eilat yesterday after Saturday's *sharav*, ITIM reports.

In Tel Aviv yesterday, the slight *sharav* broke with heavy rain and a sharp drop in temperature. There was a violent thunderstorm in the evening.

Jerusalem was overcast, but still mild, and very light rain fell for a short while in the evening.

Income Tax Office Will Collect Insurance Fees

The Ministry of Finance is considering a proposal of the Advisory Council for National Insurance to combine the collection of income tax and insurance premiums from the 235,000 employees to be affected by the National Insurance Law.

Although a final conclusion has yet to be reached, and regulations will be needed to enforce the decision, it seems likely that Income Tax staff dealing with employed persons will be transferred to the National Insurance Office.

This arrangement would streamline tax collection, as wage earners will pay insurance according to their income and employers their part of the insurance premiums according to the number of their workers.

Wingless Plane Flies For 20 Minutes

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, Sunday (Reuter). — A wingless experimental plane flew for 20 minutes here yesterday rising to 2,000 feet and going through climbs, banks, turns and glides with obvious ease.

Bill Horton, a pilot and aeronautics designer, said he had established that the four-ton experimental plane had taken off in seven seconds after a run of only 350 feet and was at 2,000 feet in one minute. He said it would carry ten passengers, cruise at 300 miles an hour, and land at 80 miles.

DISTRICT COURT of Haifa
P.R. 24/54

In the matter of the late Rivka Bath Eliahu née Yedlin of Tivon, who died on Sept. 10, 1953.

Petitioner: Aba Yedlin of Tel Aviv.

Summons: — Let all persons take note that Aba Yedlin has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Rivka Bath Eliahu née Yedlin and that the said application will be heard on March 8, 1954 at 10.30 a.m.

Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.

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DIAMONDS

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remanded in custody for 15 days. Both were held for investigation by the police over the weekend.

The El Al company meanwhile has announced that it had dismissed Hananya Katz on Friday. The company's investigation showed that he had obtained a free ticket in the name of his wife, to which he was entitled. But since he had transferred it to his sister-in-law it is understood that the company will claim payment from him.

In the Magistrate's Court here today, before the detention orders were issued against them, Yehiel Cohen and Hananya Katz claimed that they were guiltless. Police officer Goldman said, however, that he believed they were involved in the diamond smuggling attempt and had helped Ruth Hacohen leave the country illegally. Katz, Mr. Goldman stated, is believed to be one of the heads of a diamond smuggling ring. He recently had made a trip to Europe and the U.S. on a free El Al flight.

Rabbi Cohen has two other sons in the diamond business, one in London and one in New York.

The Economic Police failed to arrest two additional suspects today, Mr. Goldman added. They left their homes upon being alerted to the danger of arrest. Police are now studying papers found in their apartments.

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THERE seems to be sound sense in the report of the U.S. Congressional study mission which recently made an extensive tour of the Middle East. It is not every day that a parliamentary group so quickly grasps the inwardness of complicated problems or formulates its conclusions with such clarity and courage.

SOUND SENSE ON REFUGEES

What the mission has to say on the subject of the Arab refugee problem has urgently needed saying for years. It has become increasingly clear that the Arab Governments have seen the refugees primarily, or exclusively, as valuable pawns in a political game. They have acquired a vested interest in the existence of the refugees as refugees, and consequently an interest in ensuring that their problem was not solved. By harping constantly on repatriation as the only possible solution, these Governments, which know as well as anyone that repatriation is not a practicable proposition, have in fact ensured that the problem remain unsolved. The Smith-Prouty mission was the first to understand that this was not only the effect, but the motive, of the unbending demand for repatriation.

As long as the refugees remain refugees the Arab world can count on the sympathy of the world. It can turn this sympathy to political account on behalf of the Arab cause as a whole — and it has in fact missed no opportunity of so doing. The refugees have been used as an argument on every conceivable issue — the frontiers of Israel, the security situation along the borders, the Jordan hydro-electric works, even the status of Jerusalem. The refugees have, indeed, been an unqualified political asset to all Arab Governments, and it was only natural that they should seek to exploit such an asset to the full. If the refugee problem should be solved, and the refugees cease to be refugees, the Arab League would lose a major political advantage. This explains the consistent refusal of all Arab states to take any effective measures whatever to aid in the resettlement or rehabilitation of the refugees. On more than one occasion in the past, when it has been in the power of one or more of the Arab Governments to alleviate the lot of the refugees, the opportunity has been thrown away — not by oversight or neglect, but as a deliberate measure of policy.

There can be no solution of the refugee problem until the United Nations, and principally the United States, makes it clear to the Arab Governments that relief payments will cease altogether after a certain date unless by that date the Governments concerned make an effective start with refugee resettlement, in which case relief payments will continue side by side with the financing of resettlement projects until the latter are completed. If at the same time the Government of Israel is called upon to contribute to the successful implementation of the programme by making compensation payments (to some of which it is already committed), there can be little doubt that there would be an understanding response.

Congressmen Prouty and Smith call for the lifting of the Arab boycott and blockade, which, as is being increasingly realized, affect adversely the interests not only of Israel but of many maritime and trading nations. The apathy of the Powers in the face of this wholly destructive policy has contributed not a little to the growing impudence and self-assuredness of its practitioners. The debate on the Suez and Akaba blockade, which is due to be resumed today in the Security Council, offers the international community a timely opportunity of striking a blow not only for the freedom of commerce and navigation but for policies in the Middle East that may ultimately relieve the mounting tension which is so great a danger to the peace and stability of the region today.

Black' Meat Menace to Public

Dangers of Illegal Slaughtering, Street Distribution

By DAN MENDELSOHN

TEL Aviv's Slaughter House is one of the quietest public establishments. Yet if meat rationing were to end today and an official "purse controlled" supply of meat to replace it, the slaughter house would probably operate at close to full capacity giving meat eaters in the city the only safe guarantee that they are eating wholesome and fresh meat.

As things are at present, large amounts of meat are consumed daily but it is black meat in more than one sense. If purchasers would stop to think and consider its nature before buying it they would more often than not save themselves the expense.

People whose business it is to know about meat avoid buying the kind now offered on the open black market. "I would not give such meat to my children," Dr. A. Levitt, Veterinary Physician, Director of the Tel Aviv Slaughter House, recently said. "I forbade my wife to buy this meat." said Dr. J. Van der Hoeden, Director of the Government Veterinary Institute in Tel Aviv.

The reasons behind these categoric statements are simple. Meat from an official slaughter house is not merely *kosher*, it is guaranteed to be healthy fresh beef, something that belongs to the almost forgotten past and to the yet unclear future. There is no assurance that even the best and most expensive meat on the black market satisfies elementary hygienic conditions. As a result, it is a serious danger to public health these days.

The high prices which illegally slaughtered meat fetches are such an incentive to cattle raisers, not to speak of cattle thieves, that black market cattle slaughter reaches "very extensive" proportions, according to a number of informed sources. When a farmer decides to sell a cow for meat, he naturally disposes first of the one that he has the least use for e.g. a sick, dying or old one. But even the meat of apparently healthy dairy cows, also slaughtered in large numbers, is not necessarily safe since it is not checked by a veterinary physician.

The slaughtering itself takes place under unhygienic conditions in groves, abandoned ruins and farms, and transportation to market has no regard to attention to public health considerations.

Stale Sausage

The public health dangers inherent in merchandised sausage is even more pronounced than in the sale of other meat. Even sausage made under complete inspection is of poor quality since, in view of the shortage of beef, sausage producers are now allowed to use left-overs. In the interest of good health, Dr. Levitt suggests, the consumption of such sausage should not be extensive, and it can be eaten only if it is boiled.

The nature of other than officially inspected sausage products, of course, is yet more often doubtful. The Government Veterinary Institute in Tel Aviv, although unable to furnish statistics, states that analyses in its laboratories register many "strange results" in police impounded illegal sausages brought to the Institute from time to time.

The dangers stale sausage presents to health were especially stressed recently by Dr. M. Radan, Director of the Meat and Fish Inspection Department of the Veterinary Institute, whose remarks were very similar to those of Dr. Levitt. Sausages are extensively sold in Tel Aviv's open markets such as Hacarmel and Levinsky by street vendors and in small shops. While waiting for customers, these sellers maintain their sausage stocks in the open for many days, taking them home at the end of the business day or storing them under primitive conditions in the market place. Even if the sausages were good to start with there is ample ground to believe that they have spoiled by the time they are eaten.

The same applies, perhaps even more drastically, to imported processed meat which reaches the open black market through gift parcels, Scrip stores, and similar outlets. This meat has recently been extensively offered for sale in butcher stores, groceries and on street vendors' stalls. It has been stored for days and weeks under doubtful hygienic conditions in customs houses, ships, trains and trucks and in addition, here again the retailer is careless.

Mule and Donkey

The character of the men who make this their business is another indication of the meat's quality. It is extremely hard to imagine any ethical values in the minds of the butchers, ex-butchers and professional smugglers who, as police records show, usually think nothing of slaughtering camels, horses, mules and donkeys and sell their meat as beef.

Buyers of the more expensive grades of black meat at the more expensive outlets are sometimes apt to consider themselves safely consuming good beef believing that their rich suppliers are wary enough to hire a veterinary physician of their own to check their meat. The human material of which these meat merchants are made would place this consumers' belief in an erroneous or smug category, says Dr. Levitt. At the same time the small number of available veterinary physicians and their professional standard point to a minimum possibility of veterinary physicians for hire, according to him.

While cattle fetch, when sold for meat, several times their nominal trade value, mules are sold for meat at little less than their price as work animals, to clandestine butchers. Donkeys, once a prosperous breed in this land, are hardly seen nowadays. There is little doubt that many of them found their way to the table.

When mule and donkey meat is sold across a counter as beef even veterinary physicians, let alone housewives, can hardly tell the difference. When served in restaurants, painstakingly prepared, distinction is practically impossible. In sausages, only chemical analysis in a veterinary institute can accomplish the task.

Cases of Poisoning

The practical unanimity of the statements of two experts Dr. Levitt and Dr. Radan, made without each other's knowledge, drives the point well home. Neither doubts that the consumption of black market meats in all forms is a menace to public health. The public is not alert to the danger of eating these meats because few serious cases of poisoning publicized were positively known to have been caused by it. But the specialist is certain that its consumption has caused many cases of illness, and even the simple headaches and attacks of indigestion that have resulted in the lighter cases must have accounted for many workdays lost and menace to public health.

FLOODS IN ITALY

Boats had to be used at Isola Camerini, in the Po Valley, when the dikes burst following the grim cold weather prevalent all over Europe. Express Photo.

Plight of Spanish Moroccan Jewry

Spanish Morocco, the scene of the current anti-French agitation, has a small Jewish community numbering about 14,000. Just over 50 per cent are concentrated in Tetuan, the capital, once a centre of Jewish culture in North Africa, while about 2,000 live in Larache and Knar el Kbir. Others are dispersed in small numbers throughout the country.

The Jews of Spanish Morocco are, generally speaking, rather more refined than their brethren in neighbouring French Morocco. Though no better off economically, they take a pride in their appearance. The mellah in Tetuan is comparatively clean and free from the disease which ravage the French Moroccan communities.

The position is not so satisfactory in the rural areas, where poverty-stricken Jews, many of them small traders, live under the most wretched slum conditions. The future for the Jewish child in these areas is bleak, for, although the Alliance Israelite Universelle maintains schools in the large centres — Tetuan (over 400 pupils), Larache (140), and Knar el Khir (220) — no education is provided in the villages. In addition to the Alliance schools there is a vocational training centre (200 students), which was set up by a former resident of Tetuan who emigrated to Venezuela. It is now maintained by local contributions and by gifts from the Venezuelan Jewish community.

Although the Spanish authorities have shown no particular desire to expedite progress in the area, it must be stated that special classes for about 150 Jewish girls have been opened in Government schools. In addition, the authorities have established the Maimonides Institute in Tetuan — a seminary where about 20 young people are studying to be ministers and teachers.

The plight of the community can be seen by the fact that several hundred Jewish children are fed at centres supported by communal funds and the Government's Welfare Department.

In recent years some of the poorer Jews have crossed into the adjoining international zone of Tangier, where there are now about 12,000 Jews. Here, too, most members of the community are extremely poor and rely on the support of their more fortunate coreligionists. Over 1,500 boys and girls attend the Alliance schools in Tangier, and there are some 70 students at the local Rabbinical Seminary.

(JCFNS)

Readers' Letters

ARAB POLICY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Permit me to congratulate you on Mr. Laqueur's excellent column in your issue of January 31.

At long last one hears of the necessity of a "reappraisal" of our Arab policy, including a few constructive suggestions such as the abolition of military administration and of superfluous disabilities of our Arab co-citizens. The Israel Arab is far more awake socially and economically than his kin on the other side of the frontier, and he could definitely be made a proud Israel citizen with a genuine stake in the welfare of this State. The foregoing remarks do not imply that I am blind to certain rather "volatile" traits in Arab political practices.

As regards Mr. Laqueur's light-hearted dismissal of the idea of Israel's joining the Arab League, allow me to point out that as far back as 1947 Mr. Ben Gurion was prepared to negotiate a peaceful partition of Palestine just on that basis. Thus Mr. Rosen's revival of the idea is not so fantastic, after all.

Regarding the existence of an entity called the Near or Middle East, history has vindicated the vital historic role of the pre-1918 Ottoman Empire and of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in Central Europe; their destruction left a dangerous vacuum. In our age of supersonic speed, the time of isolated Montenegros is over and the creation of a "third force" may (even if somewhat premature) not be so absurd as Mr. Laqueur would make us believe.

In addition, I would also suggest a constructive policy of resettlement of the Arab refugees in Sinai or other places under U.N. supervision and sponsorship, and with contributions commensurate with our ability and moral liability for abandoned property. So in the long run we might become best friends with our Arab neighbours, as Greece and Turkey did a few decades after Constantine/Ataturk.

Yours, etc.,
F. POLKES

Haifa, January 31.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We, the undersigned, consider it our moral obligation to bring before the public the following facts which have a direct bearing on the arrangements afoot for the 28th Modern Music Festival in Israel.

It is universally accepted that when a music festival is planned, composers are invited to consider the terms and conditions of their participation.

They are advised as to the deadline for submitting compositions, the type of music (chamber, orchestral, vocal etc.) to be offered, and the length of the compositions. They should also be told whether works already performed in the past can qualify, and who will make up the jury that will select the compositions.

In contrast to the above, the Israel Branch of the Modern Music Society does not accept those norms. It decides unilaterally what local compositions will be performed at festivals abroad without consulting public opinion. The very representative character of the Israel Branch is also in doubt, since in the past fifteen years no administrative elections have been held. The present administration thus acts on its own, without the participation or control of Israel composers.

Because of this state of affairs, the undersigned have decided against cooperating with the Branch administration in the present festival plans, despite repeated invitations to submit compositions and to participate in the judges' panel.

It is generally known that the selection of a composition is made by a group of local judges who recommend it to the international jury whose say in the matter is final. But the compositions sent this year to the international jury were not selected by a group of local judges but only on the initiative of the Israel Branch administration.

This anarchic state of affairs may possibly have been understood during the Mandatory period, but it should not persist after the emergence of the State, with all the public and civic responsibility which its existence entails.

Yours etc.,
Uri Boskowits
Mordecai Seter
Oedoen Partos

Tel Aviv, February.

POLIO FOUNDATION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Referring to your news item, "Ilanshel Meets on Polio Help" in *The Jerusalem Post* of January 27, we wish to bring to your attention these facts:

The name "Ilanshel" derived from the first letters of the Hebrew words for "Israel Association for Victims of Infantile Paralysis", is a national foundation formed for the benefit of all polio victims (not only children).

We aim to use many funds resulting from activities on our behalf to establish a brace bank which will offer orthopedic aid to needy polio victims, to set up summer polio camps throughout the country and to establish a trust fund for scholarships to our newly opened school of physio-therapy.

The lecture held at the Z.O.A. House was sponsored jointly by Ilanshel and Z.O.A. House as part of the latter's cultural programme.

Dr. Handsel, one of our founders, is chairman, not of Ilanshel, but of the Orthopedic surgeons' Association of Israel.

All of our efforts will be under the supervision and direction of the Ministry of Health.

Yours etc.,
BETTY DUBINER
Department of Fund Raising
JEAN STEIN
Member of Tarsat Chapter,
Israel Foundation
for Infantile Paralysis

Tel Aviv, January 28.

DELIVERY SERVICE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It is certainly with no feeling of joy that I add still another complaint about Egged to the many which are published in this column. This letter concerns the company's parcel delivery service.

When I arrived home last Friday, I found a note from Egged in the letter box. They had called to deliver two packages, it said, and would I please come for them.

Upon telephoning the company (the number printed on their card was not the correct one by the way) to inform them when they could find someone at home, I was told that I would have to pay an additional charge of 600 pruta for a second delivery; it was not the company's fault that I had not been home when they called the first time.

Has the company indeed fulfilled its duty when it calls without notifying the recipient in advance? Do all transport companies follow the same procedure? I should be pleased to learn the name of a company which adopts a more reasonable approach so that I can favour it with my business in the future.

Yours, etc.,
A. R.

Jerusalem, February 7.

Men and Things

IN a week which sees the Aga Khan weighed against bars of platinum, and lengthy articles on the pages on Beria in the Soviet Encyclopaedia replacing the Bering Straits and a village beginning with the letters Ber—, we, should expect weighty changes on the rest of the planet. But nothing ever happens. If the Berlin Conference would only resolve our fears, or if France and Italy were to obtain stable governments from somewhere, or if the Sues Canal were to become an international channel once more, the Golden Age might return. But, to a small group of fifty millions resident in the British Isles, there is a necessity more pressing than all these. It is that British house-building and especially British plumbing should be revolutionized. For whenever there is a cold spell such as the one that now clamps the northern European air rigid and dead, miserable householders spend their spare time putting electric fires in lofts, stumbling about among dust and cobwebs with guttering candles, wrapping yards of dirty old sacking around the vulnerable pipes which supply their taps, shovelling ever-growing quantities of coal into their draughty grates—often to no purpose. An English house, with its vaulted tile roof, almost always has its water tank in the roof, above the insulating plaster which keeps warmth in the house, so that there is little protection against the cold seeping in. But, as nations deserve the governments they get, so do people deserve the houses they live in. We believe it is all the fault of that English poet who sang "Sweet are the uses of adversity." The English love to be pitted against difficulty or peril, and the monumental security of their island existence has forced them to create their own bugbears, one of which is the English house.

B.S.

NATURE NOTES

Tiny Flowers

THE stony hills are now entirely covered with short-stemmed small flowers, many of them little known because they can scarcely be picked at all, and anyway, close up when put into water. Several of them are the ancestors of grand garden plants. There is the tiny blue sage, very modest, but refreshingly blue in the prevalence of reds and yellows. There is an orange calendula, dwarf replica of the single garden flower.

That tiny mauve crucifer, only two inches high, certainly bears little resemblance to the imposing garden stock, with its thickly flowering kneehigh spikes, one of the most rewarding spring perennials. Those gardeners who let it grow for several years, however, do find that it reverts to the single, four-petalled pinkish - mauve flowerets of its origin, and then the resemblance to the tiny ancestor now splashing mauve pools in the short grass is unmistakable.

Another oft-overlooked small flower is the alkanet or ox-tongue, close relative of the European forget-me-not and of the pulmonaria, known to most children because it has pink and blue flowers on one plant. On sandy or stony pasture-land the ox-tongue creeps along the ground, while the later-flowering variety growing on windrows and fields near Jerusalem stands up proud and handsome, three feet high. Both are remarkable for the beautiful gentian-blue of their small blossoms, deep and mysterious.

P.A.

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The American Scene

U.S. Civil Servants Under Cloud

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON (OFNS). — ONE of the most effective election cries which the Republicans (Government Party) used at the last election was their promise to "clean up the mess in Washington." In his State of the Union message, delivered at the beginning of January, President Eisenhower, outlining the achievements of his Administration, to date said: "Under the standards established by the new employee security programme, more than 2200 employees have been separated from the Federal Government." By an irony of politics, this statement, which was made with pride as an indication of the Administration's achievements in cleaning up the mess, has now become a source of major embarrassment to the President.

When the Republicans came to office they abandoned the Truman Administration system — more or less public inquests into the "loyalty" of Government officials suspected of Communist affiliations — in favour of a broader classification, which embraced all those who were unsuitable for Government employment, for political reasons, or because of drunkenness or moral instability.

This was thought to be a fairer and more discreet system. It has, however, boomeranged on the Administration because its spokesmen have boasted about the size of the total without being prepared to give a breakdown in figures to show how many Government servants have been dismissed for reasons of disloyalty or suspected disloyalty, and how many for reasons of ordinary unsuitability. The Democrats in Congress have naturally been angered by the implication fostered by Senator McCarthy and several members of the Administration that all of the 2200 were "subversives" whom the Truman Administration had tolerated in its midst.

What makes the situation particularly serious, and has aroused the anger of papers which normally support the present Administration, like the "New York Herald Tribune" and the "Washington Post," is that the figure of 2200 includes not only those suspected of subversion, habitual drunkards and other unsuitable characters, but also many of those who resigned voluntarily from Government service or who have been ousted as a result of the Government's economy programme. In more than one case the transfer of an official from one department to another was taken by the first to mean he was a suspect.

Thus a man who has resigned during the last year from, say, the Department of the Interior to seek a job in private business, or who has been dismissed because his job has been abolished, cannot clear himself in the eyes of the public or potential employers of the stigma that he has been fired for being a Communist or a drunkard.

While President Eisenhower has throughout his first year tried to do his best by Government servants, and has shown himself strongly opposed to any official action based on rumours or spiteful hearsay about his employees, it is clear that he does not yet understand, in the confused state of public opinion on this question, how forcefully and carefully the Federal Government must stand up for the good name of its servants.

In no department does this apply more strongly than in the State Department.

In this connection, the Secretary of States, Mr. John Foster Dulles, is now confronted with a very unpleasant choice which is made the more difficult by his failure to stand up for his department so far. This concerns the case of Mr. John Paton Davies, a career officer who has been under heavy attack by Senators McCarthy and McCarran for many years for his alleged "treachery" in advising the U.S. Government in World War II of the corruption of the Chiang Kai-shek regime in China, and its waste of American resources. As a result Mr. Davies' career has been largely blighted, and he at present holds an unimportant post in Peru, from which he has been recalled to Washington to answer questions in yet another examination of his case.

If the Secretary of State decides, as his predecessors decided, that there is no evidence for any charge of treachery or disloyalty against Mr. Davies, he will excite the furious anger of a number of right-wing Senators with whom he has previously tried to cultivate good relations. If on the other hand he should find against Mr. Davies and dismiss him from the Foreign Service, he will face something akin to a revolt of the Service itself, most of whose senior members have the highest regard for Mr. Davies's integrity and independence of judgment of the Foreign Service as a whole.

GABRIEL IN GABARDINE

A man who has been perhaps more successful than President Eisenhower in "cleaning up the mess in Washington" is the new famous young American Evangelist Billy Graham, who has just been drawing huge audiences in Washington (which he has described as the most sinful city in which he has ever preached) before embarking on a four-month tour of Britain and Europe. Billy Graham is a 35-year-old North Carolinian of Scots Presbyterian descent, who in the past four years has become probably the most successful evangelist which a nation famous for its evangelists has ever produced.

He has preached to about eight million people in rallies across the United States, he has a regular radio and television audience of ten million people around the world, and his column "My Answer," is syndicated to newspapers with a circulation of fifteen million. A tall young man with compelling eyes and a restless, staccato delivery, his message is the pure milk of Baptist fundamentalism. Unlike most "hot gospellers" his work is supported by many of the American Protestant churches; although those who are not enthusiastic about him call him the "Barrymore of the Bible" or the "Gabriel in Gabardine."

Points From Letters

POSTCARDS. — Why is it impossible to buy attractive illustrated postcards in Israel? I've been living here for five years and I'm always amazed, when I go shopping with tourist friends, to see how difficult it is to find nice cards.

Mrs. H. FEIST

SAFE HEATING STOVES. — There is a comparatively inexpensive way of making heating stoves safer. Remove the bottom of a washing boiler and place it over the stove. This doesn't stop the heat from rising, but it keeps the stove from turning over.

Dr. WALTER LOEWENTHAL

KEEPING POSTED

IN America, it is Kinsey that is rushed off the shelves as soon as the report appears in the bookshops. In England everyone reads detective stories, and no lesser figure than Bertrand Russell has taken to writing them. But let so much as a pocket edition of Albright on ancient Palestine, or Petrie on potsherds appear here, and there is almost mayhem at the bookstalls. As archaeologists abound in Israel their wives may be interested to hear what Agatha Christie, that master (or mistress) of mayhem has to say about her husband, an eminent archaeologist. When the pair returned from a recent dig in Iran, a London reporter asked her how she felt about being married to a man always interested in antiquities. "An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can get," replied Miss Christie warmly, "just consider: the older she gets the more interested he is in her."

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We received a letter this week which began: "The Ministry ...have put up a gigantic building that cost more than three quarters of a million to complete. It has a lovely glazed exterior, the rooms are pastel coloured, and the canteen, a dream of stainless steel and chrome. The rooms are lofty, curtained and maintained at an even temperature. At dusk the building is a blaze of light; there is a special plane enclosed tower that looks particularly romantic in the evening light. Next door is the primary school. The paint is peeling from the walls, distemper flakes from the ceilings, and the kitchen is about the worst you have ever seen. The classrooms are always in gloom and the terrific battle the teachers are putting up in these drab surroundings is most courageous ....

It's not the building you are thinking of; the letter came from London and described conditions at Bromley.

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BUILDING here proceeds apace but the standard of construction is often what is officially described as adjusted to circumstances, and the finish of some housing units not always quite finished. Happy government employees who recently moved into a new housing project in Jerusalem got frightened half to death by weird noises in the night that were eventually traced to the water tanks. The ghostly noises, true to the other world tradition, were not to be heard during the day, and it was decided that a Labour Ministry engineer would sleep (or rather not sleep) at the project and listen for himself. The hapless engineer did not seem to like the idea and turned up early one morning, shortly before sun-up. It was still dark and he had to grope around and eventually fell down, sprained his ankle, and had to go to bed. Luckily the Ministry chose to lay the ghosts scientifically and had the tanks inspected and adjusted by day. The project is haunted no longer.

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IT appears that there is nothing to stop a Ministry putting in a good word for itself. A man we know due to receive a small remuneration from the Minister of Posts duly got his cheque with a covering letter which regretted that the Ministry had been unable to pay it direct into his account. They had discovered that he had no account at the Post Office Bank, but hoped that he would attend to this oversight in the near future.

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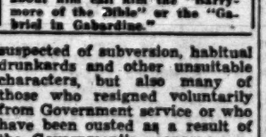
A READER, who, like us, is often upset by the way animals are sometimes treated here, writes that he was shocked to read that schoolchildren have been awarded prizes for hornet



hunting. While we further agree that it is contrary to the interests of humanity to encourage children to destroy any living creature, harmful as they may be, we can't help wondering what manner of children can be heroic enough to sally forth and take up arms against so powerful an enemy, in what seems to us an obviously one-sided battle.

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Tel Aviv: *Hadassah together with Wizo*

Subject : "Man Discovers Man"
Speaker : Dr. and Mrs. W. Whitney Smith, U.S.O.M.
Date : Tuesday, February 16, 1954.
Time : 4.30 p.m.
Place : Hadassah Club for Overseas Visitors, 80 Rehov Hayarkon.

Haifa: *Hadassah together with Wizo*

Subject : "The Keren Kayemet L'Israel in Conjunction with Hadassah and Wizo."
Speaker : Miss Sally Burstein, Head, Women's Division, K.K.L.
Date : Tuesday, February 16, 1954.
Time : 4 p.m.
Place : Wizo Tourist Centre, 8 Melchett Street.

Jerusalem: *Wizo together with Hadassah*

Subject : "Children's Villages and Wizo Agricultural Schools in Israel" Followed by a film on "Hadassim"
Speaker : Miss Hadassah Goldgart, Supervisor, Wizo Agricultural Schools.
Date : Wednesday, February 17, 1954.
Time : 4 p.m. sharp.
Place : Mrs. B. Greenberg-Abaddi, 9 Rehov Uzzishkin, Rehavia.

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